Summary

State	Allocation			Releases			
	Rehab. Package	2006-07	2007-08	Central Govt.	State Govt.	NABARD/ Banks	Total
Maharashtra	3873.26	1755.21	1755.21	771.26	1078.37	281.66	2131.29
Karnataka	2689.64	1039.40	1039.40	212.71	538.15	539.99	1290.85
Kerala	765.24	494.48	494.48	219.02	-	15.11	234.13
Andhra Pradesh	9650.55	4172.54	4172.54	1764.51	2383.48	1405.75	5553.74
TOTAL:	16978.69	7461.63	7461.63	2967.50	4000.00	2242.51	9210.01

Suicides in Andhra Pradesh

20. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are committing suicides in many States due to various reasons;

(b) if so, the details of such suicides reported especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the relief amount granted to such families through special packages in each case especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Prime Minister had also announced some relief packages especially for Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor: and

(g) the future action plan prepared to keep farmers happy in all the States to prosper the farmers as well as our country in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating year-wise and district-wise suicides by farmers as reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is enclosed herewith *(See* below). The reasons for suicide as reported by the State Government are failure of successive monsoon, increasing rural indebtedness, and increase in cost of production/ reduced realization/ failure of crops/accumulated debts. Some other States have also reported suicides by farmers due to various reasons.

(c) to (g) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh is sanctioning an ex-gratia of Rs. 1.5 lakh to the families of the deceased farmers towards liquidation of the farm debts and rejuvenating the farm. An amount of Rs. 48.55,50,000/- has been disbursed so far in 3237 cases.

A special rehabilitation package for 31 Districts with reports of high number of suicides in the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, involving a total amount of Rs. 16978.69 crore is under implementation. The package is under implementation in 16 Districts of Andhra Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 9650.55 crore which includes both subsidy/grant and loan component. Various items of assistance include ex-gratia assistance from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, interest waiver, assured irrigation, seed replacement, watershed development, micro irrigation, horticulture development, extension services, and subsidiary income services.

• Besides, the Government has taken a number of initiatives to alleviate the problems of the farmers including small and marginal farmers. These, *inter alia,* include the announcement of a credit policy in the year 2004 to double the flow of credit to the agriculture sector in three years. From Kharif 2006-07, farmers are being provided crop loan up to Rs. 3 lakh at 7% rate of interest. Keeping in view the importance of flow of credit to agriculture, in particular to the smaller borrowers who may not have the necessary assets as collateral, the banks have been advised to waive margin/security requirements for agricul tural loans up to Rs. 50000/-. The Government also announced a package for revival of cooperative credit structure. A major effort has been initiated for diversification of agriculture. National Horticulture Mission has been launched since the year 2005 for ensuring end-to-end approach with backward and forward linkages covering research, post harvest management, processing and marketing. Other initiatives taken by Government include expanding the area under irrigation, improved water management with watershed development and rain harvesting and establishment of National Rainfed Area Authority. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme is being implemented with the objective of protecting the farmers against the crop losses occurring on account of natural calamities.

Statement

Year-wise and District-wise data of suicide by farmers in Andhra Pradesh

SI. No.	Name of the District	2004	2005	2006	2007
1.	Adilabad	101	95	119	35
2,	Ananthapur	80	48	59	7
3.	Chittoor	39	20	22	1
4.	E. Godavari	4	2	3	1
5.	Guntur	73	24	21	15
6.	Kadapa	21	18	9	II
7.	Karimnagar	105	58	11	-
8.	Khammam	39	23	22.	2
9.	Krishna	24	13	2	-
10	Kurnool	75	62	60	16
11	Mahabubnagar	115	51	23	-
12	Medak	108	55	13	9
13	Nalgonda	90	60	35	-
14	Nellore	13	6	1	-
15	Nizamabad	71	15	9	1
16	Prakasam	44	9	8	2
17	Ranga Reddy	*	42	13	I
18	Srikakulam	4	1	-	-
19	Vishakhapatnam	15	5	2	-
20	Vizianagaram	1	-	-	-
21	W. Godavari	36	8	10	2
22	Warangal	127	27	1	11

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